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Remarks 'very disheartening'

Senator mocks Spence. Idle No More organizer wants consequences for Brazeau comments on chief's physique, says it's too late for an apology

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Some Idle No More organizers want repercussions for Canadian Sen. Patrick Brazeau after he made what they say are inappropriate comments about Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence at a Conservative fundraising event.

Brazeau referred to Spence's "so-called hunger strike" in addressing about 80 people at a Legion hall in the Ottawa suburb of Orleans on Tuesday, and mocked her physical shape.

"I was sick two weeks ago," Brazeau said. "I had the flu and I lost five pounds. I look at Miss Spence, when she started her hunger strike, and now?" Brazeau added as a voice in the hall called out, "She's fatter," which drew laughter from much of the audience.

Erica Lee, one of the many organizers of the Idle No More movement and the person responsible for managing the Idle No More Facebook page that has more than 90,000 likes, said although she's not surprised by the senator's remarks towards Spence, she feels they were inappropriate and there should be consequences.

Erica Lee, an Idle No More organizer, says she's frustrated by Patrick Brazeau's comments. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

"It is frustrating, because he is a First Nations senator and to have a person who you think would understand the issues behind being a First Nations person, to have him make extremely racist and sexist comments towards Theresa Spence, continuously, is very disheartening," said Lee.

"His disrespect of women and his fellow indigenous women is extremely reprehensible, just because of the amount of violence that goes on against indigenous women and to the extent to which we're dehumanized in Canada."

Lee added she feels Brazeau's position as a senator should be reviewed, but noted it may be too late for an apology.

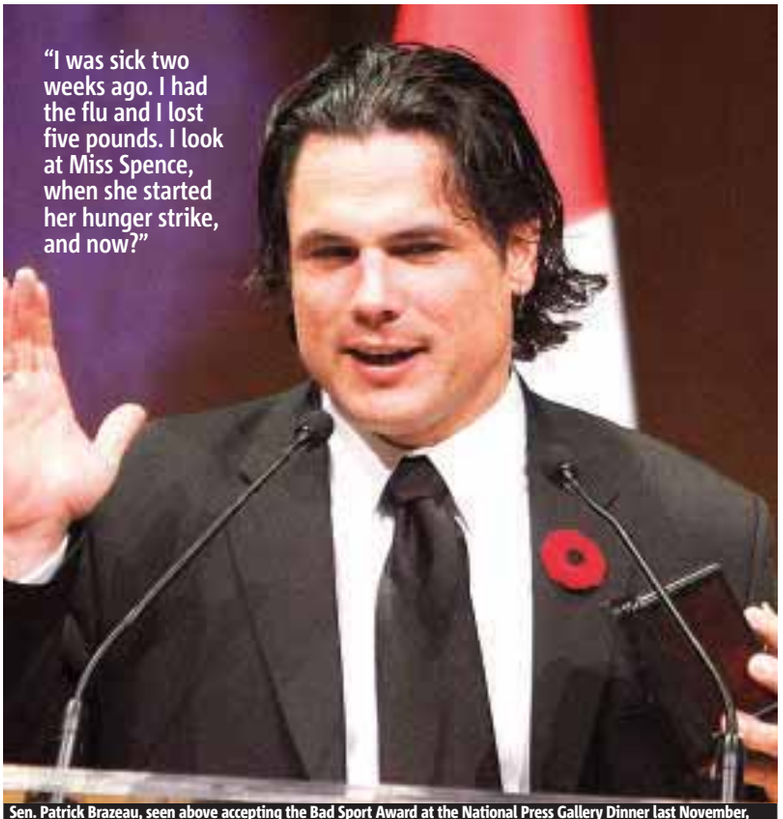
"A public apology would be nice, but I feel he's made so many controversial remarks like this, that it's almost past the point of reparation," she said.

Metro tried to reach Brazeau for comment, but phone calls to his office were not returned.

Previously under fire

The Spence incident isn't the first time Brazeau has been condemned for making inappropriate comments toward women.

- He was criticized for insulting Canadian Press reporter Jennifer Ditchburn, saying in a tweet, "@jenditchburn while u smile Jen, others suffer. Change the D to a B in your last name and we're even! Don't mean it but needs saying."



Sen. Patrick Brazeau, seen above accepting the Bad Sport Award at the National Press Gallery Dinner last November, is under fire over comments he made about Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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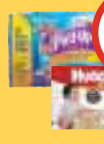

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Hitting the brakes

MADD tackles Sask. drunk drivers

The head of MADD Canada says it's time to put the brakes on drunk driving in Saskatchewan, where impaired-driving rates are the highest in the country.

Andrew Murie told reporters in Regina that Saskatchewan needs to do a lot more to stop impaired driving.

Murie says the province could take several steps, such as setting a zero-tolerance policy for drivers under the age of 22 or impounding vehicles for longer.

Highways Minister Don McMorris says the province has lowered the allowable legal limit and stepped up enforcement.

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Opening a can of worms

MPs want late-term abortions treated as homicides

Saskatchewan's Maurice Vellacott is one of three Conservative MPs asking the RCMP to investigate any abortions performed after 19 weeks in Canada as homicides.

The MPs, who wrote a letter to RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson, say abortions performed at 20 weeks gestation or later breach Section 223(2) of the Criminal Code and say between 2000 and 2009 there was 491 of these kinds of abortions.

Vellacott said his two colleagues, MPs Leon Benoit of Alberta and Wladyslaw Lizon of Ontario, do not believe the letter will embarrass the Conservative Party or Prime Minister Stephen Harper. He said they did not share the letter with Harper before sending it to the RCMP.

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Saskatchewan gets geared up for Super Bowl XLVII

The winning team? Roughriders' assistant general manager Jeremy O'Day has placed his winning prediction on the Baltimore Ravens

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While the beloved Saskatchewan Roughriders may be in hibernation, football fans across the province are gearing up to get an off-season fix of their favourite sport this Sunday with the Super Bowl.

And we here at Metro asked a couple of well-known Saskatchewan football fans about their predictions and their plans for game day.

"I will cheer for Ravens by default because as a Raiders fan there can be only one Bay-area team," said Premier Brad Wall.

Wall said he plans on watching the game with his family at home in Swift Current.

Roughriders' assistant general manager Jeremy O'Day also placed his winning prediction on the Baltimore Ravens.

"They had a little bit tougher route to get to the Super Bowl and they have a little more veteran team than the 49ers. But the 49ers are playing so good, it's hard to predict," said O'Day.

On game day, O'Day said, his Super Bowl tradition is to bring out the deep fryer and make chicken wings with a few special, and secret, sauces.

"I grew up in the Buffalo, N.Y., area, so at Super Bowl time we'd always eat chicken wings."

Super Bowl bets

A champ's prediction

Carisa Polischuk, a defensive back for the Western Woman's Canadian Football League 2012 champion team, The Valkyries, said she thinks the San Francisco 49ers will take the Super Bowl this year.

"It's kind of a cool story with a new quarterback potentially being a Super Bowl champion in his first year with the 49ers," she said. "It will be interesting."

She said she will be going to a big party with friends on game day, adding that the party will include a trivia game based on NFL and Super Bowl history.

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Workers cover a fence with Super Bowl signage outside the Superdome where the San Francisco 49ers and the Baltimore Ravens will play in Super Bowl XLVII in New Orleans on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dragons' Den. Saskatoon's would-be tycoons will have a chance to audition for hit CBC show

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If you're an aspiring entrepreneur in Saskatoon, Friday could be your big break.

Popular CBC show the Dragons' Den will be holding auditions in Saskatoon Friday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the University of Saskatchewan's Edwards School of Business.

Priscilla Sreedharan, an associate producer with the show, said they're expecting a wide variety of hopefuls at the auditions.

"I definitely think Saskatoon auditions will draw a crowd," said Sreedharan. "I've done Saskatoon for the past two years, and this is my third year here. And every year we always get great entrepreneurs.... I'm pretty excited to see what Saskatoon will bring out this year."

One of the people auditioning for the show is James C. Watson, president and CEO of Got Mold? Disaster Recovery Services Inc. He said although he'll have to make it past producers first, the possibility of speaking to the Dragons could be a massive break.

"It's a huge opportunity to get yourself in front of that kind of an audience, with those types of people that have the know-how and the money behind them to back an opportunity," said Watson. "It's one of the greatest opportunities I'm probably going to face for a while."

Although Watson couldn't disclose any information about his pitch or how much money he'll be asking for from the Dragons, when asked if he had anything else to say about the audition, he explained, "Watch for us in the fall, that's how I feel about it. I'm pretty confident that I'm going to be selected to be on the show."

Auditions

- **What.** Dragons' Den auditions
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Russ Conly, Hao Tran and Dave Limacher pitch their business barter website Frugal Swap to CBC Dragons' Den producers on Wednesday at the Delta in Regina. Saskatoon entrepreneurs will have their shot to pitch to producers on Friday as auditions are coming to the U of S's Edwards School of Business.
MORGAN MODJESKI/ METRO

Name for new Regina stadium still uncertain

Now that Regina's new stadium has funding and a concept, one big question is still left unanswered: What are we going to call the thing?

Mosaic first got the naming rights to the current stadium in 2006, signing a 10-year deal. The new stadium should be completed in 2017.

Metro asked Saskatchewan Roughriders CEO Jim Hopson whether the Riders are looking into selling the naming rights of the new stadium.

"We still have a current deal with the existing stadium, with Mosaic, but as we go forward, and now that this is becoming more of a reality and there is a definite timeline, we will enter into discussions," said Hopson.

Hopson also said the discussions would start "first of all with Mosaic, who has been a great partner, but we know there is going to be a lot of interest in the market."

Mosaic has also been happy with the current arrangement, originally struck in 2006, but wouldn't speculate as to what may happen in the future.

"We have built a very good relationship with the Saskatchewan Roughriders over the years," said Brad DeLorey, director of public affairs at Mosaic in Saskatchewan. "We will certainly take a hard look and we've followed this process with the stadium since it has begun."

For their part Mosaic says being associated with the Riders has helped boost their public image.

"It instantly helped us brand this company that was very new in 2006 as well as create a high level of engagement amongst our workforce," said DeLorey. "It has definitely been a win-win for both parties."

Mosaic first got the naming rights to the current stadium, pictured, in 2006, with a 10-year deal. The new stadium is expected to be completed in 2017.
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Saskatchewan Roughriders CEO Jim Hopson on whether the Riders are looking into selling the naming rights of the new stadium.

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Cough up for cash

Patients should co-pay for health care: Former Sask. finance minister

A former Saskatchewan NDP finance minister says it's time for a fundamental restructuring of the health system that includes having patients cough up cash for care.

Janice MacKinnon makes the comment in a study commissioned by the Macdonald-Laurier Institute, an Ottawa-based think-tank.

The study says baby boomers will need more health-care services as they age, but at a time when many will be retiring, leaving fewer wage earners to pay for a system of open-ended demand.

MacKinnon said that means the burden will fall on young people, who would face higher taxes to pay the bill.

"If you look at the economic projections, you're not going to be able to sustain the current system without more money," she said Thursday.

"But if you link some of it to use of the system, then the baby boomers who will be using the system more will be paying more, and I think it's fair and it's more effective to do it that way."

MacKinnon rejects the idea of user fees, saying they could discourage people from seeking care.

She said the best way to pay for the costs would be to use the income-tax system with a ceiling at three per cent of income.

Lower income people could be exempted.

MacKinnon, who served under former premier Roy Romanow, is now a professor of fiscal policy at the University of Saskatchewan.

She said health costs are rising faster than government revenues and are crowding out spending on other programs, such as education.

She suggested a health overhaul should also include more use of private clinics, home care, long-term and chronic care facilities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Respected science journal Nature supports Keystone XL pipeline

Editorial. Publication states the oilsands will be developed anyway and aren't that 'dirty'

Nature argues that the oilsands pose serious environmental challenges in Canada, but that's not Barack Obama's business. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A prestigious science journal has gone to bat for TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline, urging the White House to greenlight the controversial project and arguing that Alberta's oilsands aren't as "dirty" as some contend.

"The administration should face down critics of the project, ensure that environmental standards are met and then approve it," Nature said in an editorial this week.

The editorial, entitled Change For Good, argued that the pipeline won't determine whether the oilsands are developed.

"Nor is oil produced from the Canadian tarsands as dirty from a climate perspective as many believe (some of the oil produced in California, without attention from environmentalists, is worse)," the editorial reads.

"Tarsands development raises serious air- and water-quality issues in Canada, but these problems are well outside Obama's jurisdiction."

Nature is among the few science journals that still publish original research articles, many of them highly technical, on a range of scientific topics. As such, it's one of the most respected publications of its kind.

The editorial argues that there are several benefits for U.S. President Barack Obama if he approves the pipeline.

"Obama can bolster his credibility within industry and among conservatives," Nature says.

"The president can also take advantage of rising domestic oil and gas production to defuse concerns over energy security. And the fact that U.S. emissions are apparently dropping, thanks to the economic crisis and the ongoing shift from coal to gas ... further plays into his hands."

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Pipeline project

Keystone XL has become a flashpoint for environmentalists, who view it as a symbol of America's addiction to fossil fuels.

- **Blowback.** They have mounted a passionate campaign urging Obama to nix the $7-billion US project.
- **Verdict.** The U.S. State Department is expected to make a decision on Keystone in the months to come because it crosses an international border.

Ikea monkey mom admits she was an 'unfit' owner

The woman who refers to herself as the Ikea monkey's mom wrote in an email that she was "unfit" to care for the primate, calling him a "time bomb" because she couldn't stop him from biting, court heard Thursday.

Emails from Yasmin Nakhuda to an American monkey trainer were read out during a court hearing in which Nakhuda is attempting to get Darwin back, at least temporarily, from the primate sanctuary where he was sent after being seized at an Ikea by Toronto Animal Services.

The emails describe Nakhuda's struggles in controlling Darwin's behaviour. Her husband received "the most vicious bites," but Darwin was also biting her 12-year-old son, she wrote.

Monkey-trainer Lisa Whiteaker responded to the email by saying Nakhuda had a lot to learn about primates and that she desperately needed help.

"He will attack someone in your office," Whiteaker predicted. Nakhuda, a real-estate lawyer, took Darwin to her office every day since getting him in July, court heard. "One bite to the wrong person, and he will be taken away."

Whiteaker, Nakhuda's lawyer noted, was convicted in the U.S. under animal welfare laws of contributing to a monkey's death.

Yasmin Nakhuda
CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nakhuda was surprised by the trainer's negative response, her lawyer said, and was upset in her reply to Whiteaker.

"I have concluded, judging by the tons of mistakes you say I have already made ... that I am truly unfit to be a caregiver for Darwin," Nakhuda wrote. "You are right to say that I am sitting on a time bomb.... I don't believe Darwin can change.... All I can do now is to take Darwin to an animal shelter, and I don't even know one here."

Nakhuda's lawyer, Ted Charney, suggested his client didn't really mean that. She was despondent over the criticism from Whiteaker, he said.

Charney suggested that the two emails — the first one sent at the end of November — are what the Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary is using to form incendiary allegations of abuse.

They allege Nakhuda "strangled" the monkey, hit him and didn't change his diapers for several days.

Charney said the choking allegation comes from the way Nakhuda held Darwin while bathing him. The email refers to the breeder — not Nakhuda — hitting Darwin, Charney said, and the emails contain one reference to Nakhuda leaving Darwin in the same diaper for 36 hours because she had difficulty changing it right after she brought him home.

Ontario Superior Court Justice Michael Brown is deciding where Darwin should live until the case can be fully heard at a trial. Nakhuda argues that the longer Darwin is away from her, the more the bond between them will suffer.

The judge is set to give his decision Friday.

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Illness. Jim Flaherty reveals rare skin disorder

The skin condition afflicting Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is one that can generally be brought under control with a regimen of drugs. But getting there may take awhile, doctors say.

Flaherty reluctantly revealed in an interview with The Globe and Mail this week that he is suffering from bullous pemphigoid, an uncommon and sometimes painful auto-immune condition.

Questions about his health have been swirling for months after the formerly trim finance minister put on a noticeable amount of weight. More tellingly, his face appeared to balloon, a telltale sign of the use of corticosteroids.

That swelling is so common in people taking oral corticosteroids there is even a term for it — moon facies — that describes the effect.

Bullous pemphigoid is one of a class of skin diseases known as auto-immune blistering disorders, says Dr. Michael Camilleri, an expert on the condition who works at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Bullous pemphigoid is the most common of these disorders and, fortunately for Flaherty, is not the most severe of the diseases in this class. It is also a condition that is very responsive to treatment, Camilleri says.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Still, the disease can be unpleasant, with fluid-filled blisters forming in creases in the skin — the groin, the armpits — or on the torso or limbs. Sometimes the blisters form in the mouth or on other sites of mucous membranes, such as around the eyes.

The disorder is the result of the auto-immune system running amok, developing antibodies to a protein that is found in the skin. That's why the blisters form.

Flaherty is taking an oral steroid called prednisone. Camilleri says the drug works quickly to mitigate the symptoms of bullous pemphigoid, including the intense itching that accompanies the blisters.

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Sexual assault

Psychiatrist gets five-year sentence

A judge has sentenced a Calgary psychiatrist to five years in prison for exploiting three court-appointed patients in a "predatory and repetitive manner."

Justice Donna Shelley said Dr. Aubrey Levin, 74, deserved an eight-year sentence but she reduced it because of his health problems and age.

"Dr. Levin, knowing of the many vulnerabilities of these victims, employed a strategy which would give him the opportunity to sexually assault his patients," said Shelley.

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Diane-35

Drug under review after French ban

Health Canada says it is reviewing all information on the drug Diane-35 following France's decision to ban it following four deaths over the last 25 years.

The four women died of blood clots linked to Diane-35, an acne drug also prescribed "off-label" as a contraceptive. Blood clots are a rare but well-known side-effect of birth control pills, said the department.

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Hostage standoff. Alleged killer remains with child in underground bunker

Speaking into a ventilation pipe, hostage negotiators tried to talk a man into releasing a five-year-old boy and ending a standoff at an underground bunker in rural Alabama that stretched into its third day.

The man identified by multiple neighbours and witnesses as 65-year-old retired truck driver Jimmy Lee Dykes was accused of pulling the boy from a school bus on Tuesday and killing the driver. The man and boy were holed up in a small room on his property that authorities compared to tornado shelters common in the area.

James Arrington, police chief of the neighbouring town of Pinckard, said the shelter was about 4 feet underground, with a ventilation pipe that negotiators were speaking through.

There were signs that the standoff could continue for some time: A state legislator said the shelter has electricity, food and TV. The police chief said the captor has been sleeping and told negotiators that he has spent long periods in the shelter before.

"He will have to give up sooner or later because (authorities) are not leaving," Arrington said. "It's pretty small, but he's been known to stay in there eight days."

Midland City Mayor Virgil Skipper said he has been briefed by law enforcement and visited with the boy's parents. "He's crying for his parents," he said.

The normally quiet road was teeming Thursday with more than a dozen police cars and trucks, a fire truck, a helicopter, media and at least one ambulance near Midland City, population 2,300.

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Local hero

The bus driver, Charles Albert Poland Jr., 66, was hailed by locals as a hero who gave his life to protect the 21 students aboard the bus. Authorities say most of the students scrambled to the back of the bus when the gunman boarded and said he wanted two boys 6 to 8 years old. When the gunman went down the aisle, authorities said, Poland tried to block him.

For real this time

Beyoncé sings the national anthem during a news conference Thursday in New Orleans. The singer answered critics of her Inauguration Day performance the best way she could — with another sterling performance of the national anthem. The difference? On Thursday, it was live. She admitted during her Super Bowl news conference that when she performed for President Barack Obama and the nation, she decided to sing to a prerecorded track because she didn't have time to practice. She said she wanted the day to go off without a hitch. MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blaer hitch. Icelandic teen wins bid to keep 'inappropriate' name

A 15-year-old Icelandic girl has been granted the right to legally use the name given to her by her mother, despite the opposition of authorities and Iceland's strict law on names.

Reykjavik District Court ruled Thursday that the name Blaer can be used. It means light breeze.

The decision overturns an earlier rejection by Icelandic authorities who declared it was not a proper feminine name. Until now, Blaer Bjarkardottir had been identified simply as Girl in communications with officials.

"I'm very happy," she said after the ruling. "I'm glad this is over. Now I expect I'll have to get new identity papers. Finally, I'll have the name Blaer in my passport."

Like a handful of other countries, including Germany and Denmark, Iceland has official rules about what a baby can be named.

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Anderson Live

Acid attack victim's treatment paid for

A Quebec woman who was disfigured in an acid attack will have her scars treated by laser surgery in the United States — thanks to Anderson Cooper's show. Tanya St-Arnauld appeared on Anderson Live on Wednesday, where she received the news that a Florida-based dermatologist would fly her down for treatment.

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Drug conversation

Pocket-dial leads to man's arrest

Authorities say a Florida truck driver landed in jail after his cellphone pocket-dialled the police and dispatchers listened in on a conversation about the sale of drugs. Deputies say 19-year-old Matthew Dollarhide was surprised when a Volusia County Sheriff's deputy pulled him over late Tuesday.

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Youth education the next step in avalanche safety

Expanded services dependant on dollars.

Education in remote mountain communities a priority for CAC

MATT KIELTYKA
Metro in Vancouver

Avalanche safety has come a long way since the lives of seven Calgary students were lost during an ill-fated field trip in British Columbia's backcountry 10 years ago today.

Fatality rates have stabilized in the face of increasing backcountry use, more people are getting properly trained and equipped before heading into the mountains, and public awareness is on the rise.

Those successes can be directly attributed to aggressive reform after the 2003 Connaught Creek avalanche, but the Canadian Avalanche Centre (CAC) is well aware more work could be done.

But that becomes a question of funding. And it's an unanswered question.

"It depends a lot on what people want us to do," said Karl Klassen, acting executive director of the CAC.

"If people are happy with our services the way they are, I think we're in good shape."

The CAC — which, among many other tasks, is responsible for public avalanche forecasting and sets the standards for public avalanche-training courses and equipment — has a projected budget of $1.8 million this year.

Its federal funding enters the final year of a three-year cycle in 2014 and then it's back to the negotiating table.

Klassen doesn't think securing funding to maintain the CAC's status quo will be a problem, but some (both within the CAC and outside) are asking whether that level of service goes far enough.

"There have been a number of calls to expand services," Klassen said.

"For example, we don't do forecasts for the north Rockies. We're working on a project to see how we can go about it, but it will take more money."

Klassen sees the centre focusing on three pillars in the coming years: world-leading public avalanche information and bulletins, outreach and awareness programs and expanded youth education.

The third piece of that puzzle is perhaps the most critical going forward but is also underfunded.

"We'd love to expand youth education but we just don't have the resources for it," said Klassen. "There are many mountain communities, where avalanches are a fact of life, that just don't have much in the way of (avalanche) education."

He argues that children from kindergarten to Grade 8 in those communities must "be aware of the avalanche problem" and be taught skills that will serve them throughout life.

Even urban communities need greater youth education programs.

"Tons of people from Calgary go to the mountains every weekend," Klassen said. "(Education is) one of the cornerstones of what we should be doing, but unless we secure long-term additional funding we just can't do it."

It's an important decision that the CAC, and governments, will need to make over the next two years if Canada hopes to stay at the forefront of avalanche safety.

Ongoing process

Parks Canada strives to stay ahead of curve

Parks Canada is always working to be at the forefront of avalanche safety.

Mountain-risk specialist Grant Statham says fine-tuning and tailoring of public alerts, bulletins and information is an ongoing process.

"I would say what you see in the public domain today — we're a year or two ahead of that," said Statham. "At least, I hope so. We're always looking at how to better communicate with people. We want them to be better educated, that's the most important thing."

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The role of instructors like Brent Hillier, pictured here at Seymour Provincial Park in B.C. on Jan. 20, is becoming crucial as the Canadian Avalanche Centre advocates more

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO IN VANCOUVER

By the numbers

$1.8M

The projected budget this year for the Canadian Avalanche Centre

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The Canadian Avalanche Centre says 7,000 people took an Avalanche Skills Training course last year. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Support group

Nearly 17 years ago, Beth Stewart got a phone call that no parent ever wants to get.

Her son Trevor Petersen, a legend in the world of extreme skiing, was killed at the height of his career in an avalanche in February 1996 in the mountains of Chamonix, France.

He was 34 and left behind his partner, Tanya, and his son, Kye, and daughter, Névé.

Petersen, the youngest of three, learned to love the mountains at an early age from his brothers, Lindsay and Rick. He skied the most treacherous mountains in the world and graced the covers of many international magazines.

"I felt that my world had fallen in and I was lost after Trevor died," she says. "I missed his spirit, his love of life, of the mountains and his family."

Stewart spent two years undergoing therapy to deal with that loss and wondered

Doing what he loved best

"He once said to me, 'Mom, if I should ever die doing this, know that I was exactly where I wanted to be, doing exactly what I wanted.' But we all miss him."

Beth Stewart, founder of Parents of Lost Skiers Society, remembering her son Trevor Petersen

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MOVING ON

Justin Trudeau champions backcountry safety after loss

youth avalanche-education programs.

Justin Trudeau knows too well that an avalanche doesn't pause to ask a person's last name when it barrels down a mountain.

The Liberal leadership contender lost his youngest brother, Michel, when an avalanche swept him into B.C.'s Kokanee Lake while he was backcountry skiing in 1998. He was 23.

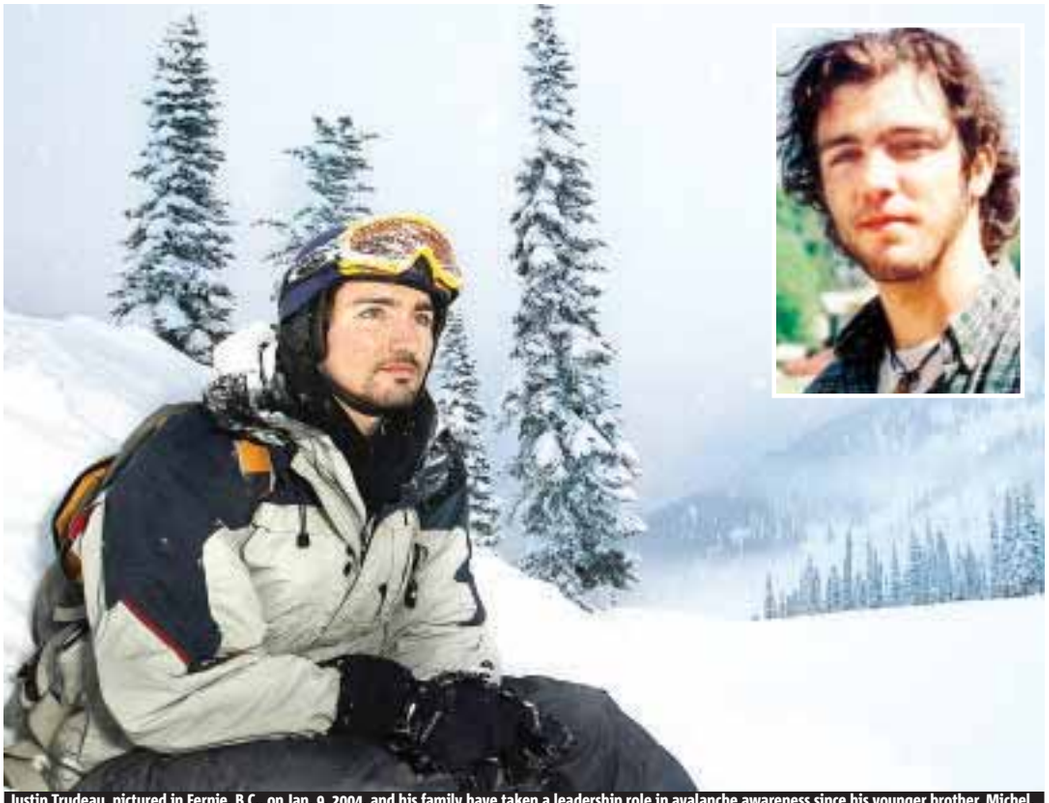
In the wake of the tragedy, Trudeau and his family became a force in raising awareness and funds for Canada's avalanche-safety organizations.

"We said, 'Please don't send flowers, send a donation to —' and then we tried to figure out what the Canadian avalanche community was," Trudeau said in a phone interview from Prince George. "They needed support, and I got involved."

Trudeau worked with the Canadian Avalanche Association to secure stable funding from the B.C., Alberta and federal governments and to build the Canadian Avalanche Centre until he entered politics in 2006.

"For me it was an opportunity to get to know this amazing sport and to get to know this world so well that my brother loved so much. It got me closer to him and his memory," he said. "There's just an amazing group of people committed to our extraordinary wilderness and playing safe within it."

It took the Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School accident, where seven children on an outdoor-education trip died in a slide near B.C.'s Rogers Pass, he said, to change public perception toward avalanche awareness. He credits ski patrols, scientists and the backcountry community for putting Canada at the forefront of avalanche safety in the decade since.



Justin Trudeau, pictured in Fernie, B.C., on Jan. 9, 2004, and his family have taken a leadership role in avalanche awareness since his younger brother, Michel, inset, died in a B.C. avalanche accident in 1998. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE; INSET: THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Now, he says, it's important to turn toward structured avalanche education.

"We have a generation of people who are out there who are all about getting more extreme, getting more active, getting involved," he said, adding that better equipment has made the backcountry more accessible. "They need to be a little bit more aware so they can take smart risks."

Fundraising

"We said, 'Please don't send flowers, send a donation.'"

Justin Trudeau helped the Canadian Avalanche Association secure stable funding following the death of his brother, Michel

No stranger to the backcountry himself — he lived and taught snowboarding in Whistler in 1997 — Trudeau understands the draw and the pure feeling of "earning your turns."

"It's not about preventing people from going out there; it's about giving them the tools and the knowledge to make sure they're doing it safely."

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helps parents grieve

what she could do to help others.

She got together with five other moms who had lost sons and daughters on the mountains and formed a group called Parents of Lost Skiers (POLS) in 1998.

"My intention was to carry on his method, his way and his love of others by helping them as they go on through life," Stewart says.

Since then, Stewart has gotten thousands of phone calls and emails from parents all over the world eager to ask questions on how she survived and dealt with her grief.

A couple from Texas visited Stewart more than a year ago at her home in West Vancouver. Their son died on Mount Seymour in B.C. a few years ago.

POLS' mission

Parents of Lost Skiers' mission statement:

- "To help, encourage and support parents who have lost a child to the mountains and to support the safety and the education of young people who feel the call of the mountains."

"We had lunch and talked. We parted, and the husband came running to me and told me what POLS meant to them," Stewart says. "He told me his wife two weeks ago had everything ready to commit suicide. She didn't want to live if she couldn't be with her son."

Stewart had sent an email to the woman earlier, encouraging her to go day-by-day.

"She confessed to her husband that she's thrown all the stuff away and decided not to go through with it," she says. "She decided if one person can do it, then maybe she can do it."

Stewart says everything she does is a tribute to her son, who died doing what he loved best.

"He once said to me, 'Mom, if I should ever die doing this, know that I was exactly where I wanted to be, doing exactly what I wanted,'" she says. "But we all miss him."

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/
METRO IN VANCOUVER

Beth Stewart, one of the founders of Parents of Lost Skiers, lost her son Trevor Petersen in an avalanche in Chamonix, France, in 1996. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Lawyer, CEO targeted. Shooter turns gun on himself after killings

A body found early Thursday among bushes in an Arizona suburb has been positively identified as the man who killed a company CEO and critically wounded a lawyer a day earlier, police said.

A landscaper found the body of Arthur Douglas Harmon, 70. He died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, and a handgun was also found, police said. Nearby in a parking lot was a rented Kia Optima sedan he drove to the shooting scene on Wednesday, authorities said.

Harmon drew a gun and shot both men at the end of a mediation session Wednesday morning at an office building in north-central Phoenix, police said.

Steve Singer, 48, died hours later. Mark Hummels, 43, is in critical condition. A 32-year-old woman was also shot but suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

"We believe the two men were the targets. It was not a random shooting," said Sgt. Tommy Thompson, a Phoenix police spokesman.

Harmon also shot at someone who tried to follow him to get his licence-plate number, authorities said.

"As he left the scene, an individual witness got in his own car and actually followed Harmon in his Optima, and he drove into a neighbourhood and Harmon actually got out of his car and shot at that witness," Thompson said.

Colleagues of Hummels described him as a smart, competent and decent man who was a rising star in his profession and dedicated to his wife, nine-year-old daughter and seven-year-old son.

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Call-centre connection

One of the gunman's victims was the CEO of Fusion Contact Centers LLC.

- The gunman — Arthur Douglas Harmon — was hired by Fusion to refurbish office cubicles at two call centres in California.
- According to court documents, Harmon was scheduled to go to a law office in the building where the shooting took place for a settlement conference in a lawsuit he filed last April against Fusion.

Palestinians say UN report proves 'ethnic cleansing'

Settlement policy. United Nations states Israel is undermining Palestinians' right to self-determination

The West Bank Jewish settlement of Modiin Illit is seen in the background of this file photo. On Thursday, the United Nations' first report on the broad policy of Israeli settlements concluded that the Israeli government's practice of "creeping annexation" clearly violates the human rights of Palestinians, and called for an immediate halt. MAJDI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The United Nations' first report on Israel's overall settlement policy describes it as a "creeping annexation" of territory that clearly violates the human rights of Palestinians, and calls for Israel to immediately stop further such construction.

The report's conclusions, revealed Thursday, are not legally binding, but they further inflame tensions between the UN Human Rights Council and Israel, and between Israel and the Palestinians. Israeli officials immediately denounced the report, while Palestinians pointed to it as "proof of Israel's policy of ethnic cleansing" and its desire to undermine the possibility of a Palestinian state.

The Palestinians also hinted that they could use the report as a basis for legal action toward a war crimes prosecution.

In its report to the 47-nation council, a panel of investigators said Israel is violating international humanitarian law under the Fourth Geneva Convention, one of the treaties that establish the ground rules for what is considered humane during wartime.

This was the first thematic report on Israel's settlements with an historical look at the government's policy since 1967, UN officials said.

Previous UN reports have taken a look at Israeli settlement policy only through the lens of a specific event, such as the 2009 war in the Gaza Strip, when Israel launched an offensive in response to months of rocket fire by the ruling Hamas militant group.

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Venezuela

Year of bloody prison riots

A Venezuelan watchdog group says the country's latest bloody prison clash came after a year in which 591 inmates were killed in the country's troubled prisons.

The Venezuelan Prisons Observatory released last year's death toll on Thursday, saying it was the highest it has recorded during the 14 years of President Hugo Chavez. The number of deaths in prison riots and other violence in 2012 was up about five per cent from the previous year.

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Las Vegas Strip

Saudi sergeant on trial for sex assault

A Saudi Arabia air force sergeant was ordered Thursday to stand trial for the sexual assault of a 13-year-old boy on New Year's Eve in a Las Vegas Strip hotel room.

A defence attorney for 23-year-old Mazen Alotaibi and a Saudi consulate legal attache huddled with prosecutors for two hours before Alotaibi waived his right to a preliminary hearing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sex crimes

U.S. man to admit he lured teens

A U.S. man has agreed to plead guilty to charges alleging that he tricked about a dozen teenagers into stripping or performing sexual acts for him via webcam and used recordings of those sessions to coerce them into making even more explicit videos.

Richard Finkbiner signed a court agreement in Indiana on Wednesday in which he will plead guilty to child exploitation, extortion and possession of child pornography in exchange for a jail sentence of 30 to 50 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egyptian police

Use of force brings Mubarak to mind

With near impunity and the backing of the Islamist president, Egyptian police have been accused of firing wildly at protesters, beating them and lashing out with deadly force in clashes across much of the country the past week, regaining their Hosni Mubarak-era notoriety as a tool of repression. Nearly 60 people have been killed and hundreds injured. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Helping children a dangerous job in Pakistan

A Pakistani schoolgirl, who was displaced with her family from Pakistan's tribal areas due to fighting between militants and the army, receives a polio vaccine from a health worker at her school in a poor neighborhood on the outskirts of Islamabad on Thursday. A roadside bomb killed two Pakistani anti-polio workers on their way to vaccinate children in a northwestern tribal region near the Afghan border on Thursday, an official said.

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Human Rights Watch. Somali rape victim faces years in prison

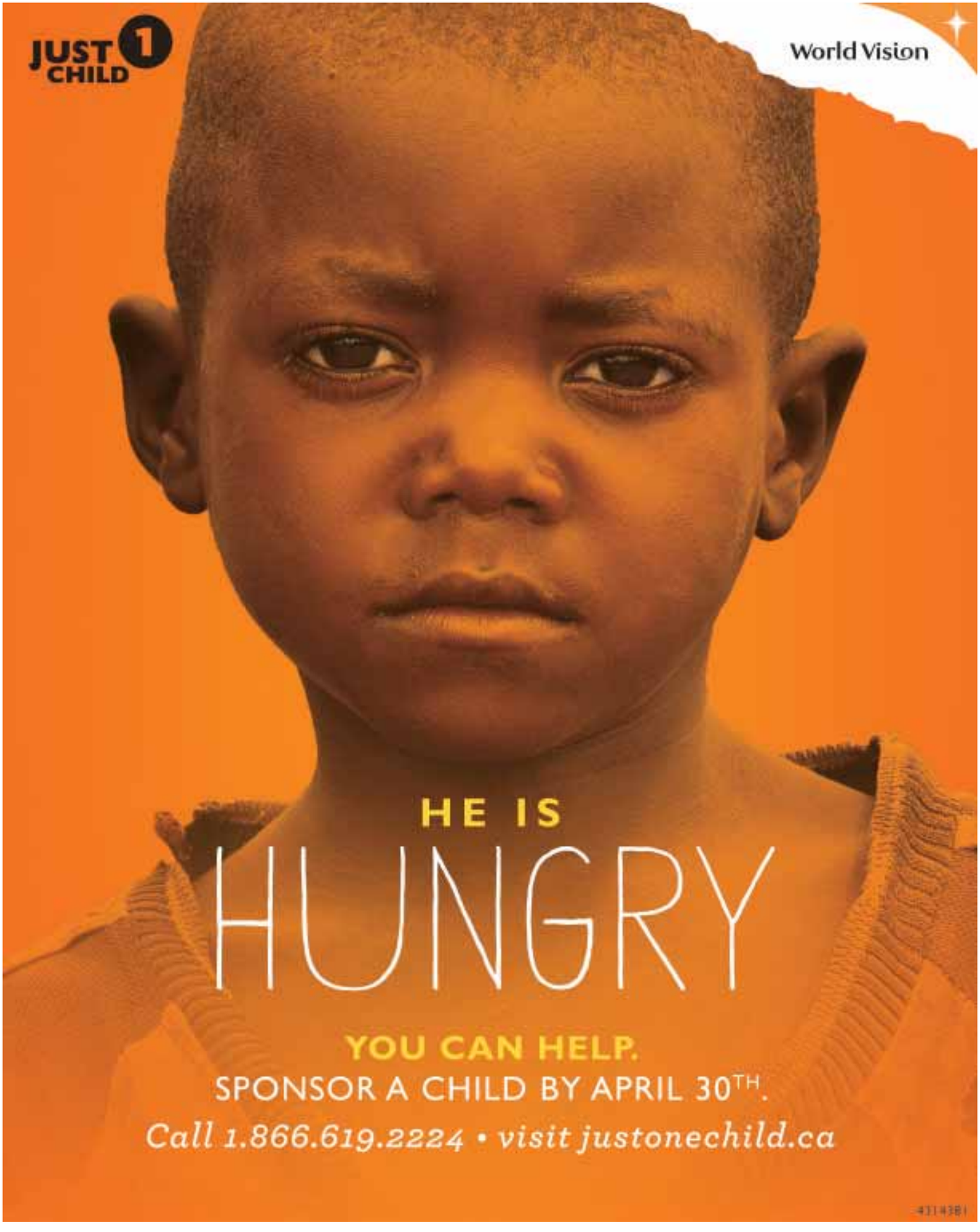
The Somali government has charged a woman who said she was raped by security forces, according to an international human rights group.

Human Rights Watch says the case is politically motivated and that a journalist who interviewed the woman was also charged.

Three other people including the woman's husband were charged with assisting the alleged rape victim to evade investigators. The rights group said in a statement Wednesday that the Somali government should drop the politically motivated charges.

The woman was charged in Mogadishu court Tuesday of insulting a government body, inducing false evidence, simulating a criminal offence and making a false accusation while journalist Abdiaziz Abdinur has been charged with insulting a government body and inducing the woman to give false evidence.

Under the Somali penal code Abdinur faces up to four years in prison for the first charge and two years for the second. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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This Corona's not for you, Bud!

These Associated Press file photos show Budweiser beer in the aisles of Elite Beverages in Indianapolis, and Constellation Brands Corona beers displayed at a liquor store in Palo Alto, Calif. The Justice Department on Thursday filed a lawsuit to stop Anheuser-Busch InBev's proposed $20.1-billion purchase of Mexican brewer Grupo Modelo, which would unite the ownership of popular beers like Budweiser and Corona. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Potash sales & profits not what analysts estimated

Potash Corp. profits fell by 38 per cent in the fourth quarter, missing analyst expectations, as customers held off on buying crop nutrients while international sales contracts were worked out.

The fertilizer producer's net income was $421 million US, or 48 cents per share in the last three months of 2012. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Reuters were, on average, expecting Potash Corp. to post earnings of 57 cents per share.

During the same quarter of 2011, the Saskatoon-based company posted earnings of $683 million, or 78 cents per share.

CEO Bill Doyle said demand for all three major types of fertilizer — potash, phosphate and nitrogen — was affected by "the absence of significant immediate needs and amid lack of direction, particularly in phosphate and potash."

"Despite these temporary challenges, we operated with a consistent approach — temporarily slowing potash production and leveraging our diversified product mix in our other nutrients — to best position our company for the expected rebound in fertilizer demand in 2013." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

DOLLAR 99.73¢ (-0.42¢)

TSX 12,685.24 (-109.21)

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HMV tweets its match over mass firings

Twitter outburst. Verified account commandeered during layoff by music retailer

An employee apparently fired from music retailer HMV in the U.K. let loose on the company's Twitter feed Thursday, comparing the latest round of layoffs to a mass execution.

The rogue messages — which immediately attracted media attention — started with a missive saying "we're tweeting live from HR where we're all being fired! Exciting!!"

"There are over 60 of us being fired at once! Mass execution, of loyal employees who love the brand," another message said.

The person's identity wasn't clear but the Twitter messages came from the company's verified account, suggesting an employee was responsible.

In a statement, Deloitte, HMV's administrator, said that there had been 190 layoffs, most of them at the company's head office.

"Although such decisions are always difficult, it is a necessary step in restructuring the business to enhance the prospects of securing its future as a going concern," Deloitte's Nick Edwards said in a statement.

Deloitte didn't immediately return a message seeking comment about the online outbursts, although it appears that someone eventually took control of the account. The offending Twitter messages — including one which said "what have we to lose? It's been a pleasure folks!" — were deleted about an hour after they were first sent out. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

hmv
Just overheard our Marketing Director (he's staying, folks) ask "How do I shut down Twitter?" #hmvXFactorFiring
hmv
Sorry we've been quiet for so long. Under contract, we've been unable to say a word, or -more importantly - tell the truth #hmvXFactorFiring
hmv
There are over 60 of us being fired at once! Mass execution, of loyal employees who love the brand. #hmvXFactorFiring

HMV's official Twitter feed. The tweets were later deleted. SCREEN GRAB

Canada's HMV unaffected by British company's woes

- British music and entertainment giant HMV is scrambling to stay afloat amid stiff competition from online retailers and digital downloading services.
- The company announced in January that it was suspending trading on the London stock exchange, amid falling shares.
- However, HMV Canada's 113 stores are not affected because Hilco UK, a specialist in restructuring retail businesses, bought the Canadian operations for about $3.2 million in 2011.

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Retail pain. Sears lays off 700, Best Buy closes stores

Sears Canada announced Thursday it is laying off 700 workers across the country as part of a move to "right-size" the company and focus on restructuring its business.

The national retailer says 360 people are being laid off from its department stores and about 300 from its distribution centres. The remaining workers are being let go from head office and other support areas.

The job cuts will be across Canada.

Sears Canada has been revamping operations to encourage more customers to return to its stores after years of declining sales, and also to prepare for the entry of numerous U.S. retailers, including discount chain Target.

Earlier this month, Sears had announced it was teaming up with the Aldo Group to design and manufacture footwear lines for their Nevada, Attitude and Jessica brands.

Meanwhile, Best Buy Canada has closed eight Future Shop and seven Best Buy big-box stores across the country.

The company says as part of its "transformational plan" it will open Future Shop small-concept web stores and Best Buy Mobile locations across Canada in the next year and a half.

"This move will enable the company to better serve its customers in both more locations and smaller markets across the country," the company said in a release.

Some 900 employees will be laid off because of the closures, representing less than five per cent of Best Buy Canada's workforce, a spokeswoman said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BlackBerry loss

BB shares keep sliding after debut

Shares in BlackBerry are down again, one day after the smartphone pioneer debuted new product offerings to generally positive reviews. While the stock was five per cent below Wednesday's closing price to $13.16 in early-afternoon trading, it was down 12 per cent earlier in the day.

The drop continues a loss in share value that began earlier this week ahead of the unveiling of the new BlackBerry Z10 and the BlackBerry Q10. The Z10, a touchscreen model, will be available in Canadian stores next Tuesday, but not in the U.S. until March. Analysts have noted the later release date for the U.S. market is exerting downward pressure on the stock. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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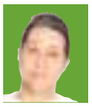

THE LIST
Mike Benhaim
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1 **Game of Thrones.** When Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands announced she would abdicate her throne in favour of her son, some expected Queen Elizabeth to do the same, but Lizzie ain't budging. Prince Charles is 64 and has been in line for the throne since he was three, the longest wait in British history. Instead, poor Charles is relegated to the mundane tasks of travelling the world, eating at ridiculously over-priced restaurants, and watching the ballet.

2 **Beam me up.** Russian astronauts aboard the International Space Station succeeded in transferring 400 megabytes of data to their ground station via laser communication channel for the first time in international practice. The breakthrough brings them one step closer to their eventual goal of downloading porn in space.

3 **And speaking of porn.** Adult-film star Ron Jeremy was left in critical condition this week following the discovery of a heart aneurysm that required surgery. I wish him the best and a speedy recovery, but I'm guessing the situation may have been brought on by repeated shifts in the flow of blood. Just sayin'.

4 **Bowl busters.** Super Bowl Sunday is looming and there has been more talk of Beyoncé lip-syncing than football. My position on this is best illustrated in the words of Steve Martin, who co-starred with the singer in the film The Pink Panther, when he says, "Stop badgering her. Can't you see she's sexy!?"

5 **Why-arton?** Groundhog Day is upon us once again. Obviously there is no better scientific system of climate prognostication than for a subterranean rodent to tell us how many weeks are left of winter, but we wacky, unconventional types like to wing it with a crazy little instrument known to our ancestors as a CALENDAR.

6 **Superstition.** This week in 1986, Diana Ross married Norwegian shipping magnate Arne Næss Jr. in Geneva. Stevie Wonder performed at the reception. The couple divorced in 2000, proving once again that Stevie's just bad luck.

7 **Sexy brekkie.** Let's face it, Canadians love cereal. And sex. Not necessarily at the same time (and probably not in that order). Well, now Peter Ehrlich, a former columnist and radio host, has burst onto the breakfast market with Sexcereal. The tasty health food is sweeping the nation with gender-specific nutrients that also promote sexual health, but beware not to mix up the bags. I missed a half-day of work because I couldn't decide which shoes to wear. Watch Dragons' Den on Feb. 10 to find out more.

8 **Can't buy me love.** What would Valentine's Day be if you couldn't buy yourself a date? Shannon Hunter's third annual Love A Heart bachelor/bachelorette auction will once again raise money for The Heart and Stroke Foundation. The event takes place at The Hideout in Toronto on Feb. 14, but guests from all over Canada are expected. Bachelors include Toronto Raptors host Kat Stefankiewicz, CBC's George Stroumboulopoulos, and some fine-looking unknowns. Come by to shop, or just to pimp a friend.

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Or, you know, you could just look at a calendar. GETTY IMAGES

The rainbow connection

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Landscape photo

Waterfall makes circular rainbow

This stunning image shows an almost full-circle rainbow at Victoria Falls. The amazing picture was taken by amateur photographer Nicole Cambré on the Zambian side of this impressive natural spectacle.

Cambré, a 42-year-old lawyer from Brussels, captured the shot from Livingstone Island, which is on the edge of the falls. METRO

Photographer's viewpoint

"Capturing the rainbow over the falls was more challenging than I thought, especially with the spray. On Livingstone Island on top of the falls I finally managed to capture this full rainbow."

Nicole Cambré
amateur photographer

Full-circle phenomenon

The lower the sun, the higher the bow

It's very rare to see a full-circle rainbow; the bottom is usually blocked by one's horizon.

The sun's height determines how much of an arc you see; the lower the sun, the higher the top of the rainbow. Some rainbows continue even below the horizon. Mountain climbers see more of a full-circle, while pilots have reported seeing genuine full-circle rainbows. METRO

Rainbow by moonlight

Don't need sun to make a rainbow

Victoria Falls is also famous for its "moonbows," or lunar rainbows.

Moonlight shines on the water, and while it is hard for the human eye to detect it, the bow's colours will appear in long-exposure photographs.

The moonbows are rare because a number of conditions are required: The moon must be lower than 42 degrees in a very dark sky. METRO

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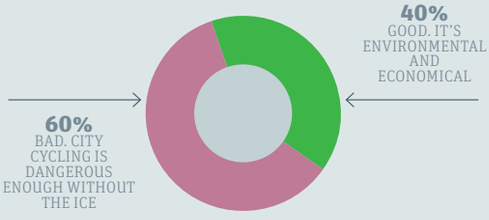

Twitter

@Vivemusic: I've often wondered : how do the birdies survive in this weather?

@WaywardReporter: Looking at who a person follows on twitter is pretty much like surveying a date's bookshelf, right?

@ChrixMorix: Found my old digital camera from when I worked at Rawlco - lots of pics of Jeremy Roenick, Brad Wall and a Santa marathon. #random

@SaskGatz: My apologies to those attending the #YXETweetup. I am currently eating a giant bean burrito.

@KMarissen: Anyone know why people would want parkade signs made up with braille? It's not like blind people drive... #wtf #saskatoon

@MackShields: Just taking in beautiful Saskatoon #promiseland

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A pair of glasses marks the entrance to the cornfield in Clear Lake, Iowa, where Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper died in a plane crash on Feb. 3, 1959. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

The day the music died

Feb. 3, 1959. The Reel Guys remember Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper with movie picks that pay tribute to their legacies

Richard: Mark, Buddy Holly was arguably the biggest star of the three musicians, so it's no surprise that he pops up in the most movies. Gary Busey is the most famous of the Holly impersonators, having been nominated for an Oscar for The Buddy Holly Story, but others have also donned the black rims to good effect. An unknown actor named Guy Kent raved on in a surreal retelling of Buddy's life called The Day the Music Died. Less successful was Frankie Muniz who should have been (Peggy) sued for his performance in Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story.

Mark: Buddy Holly was surely the genius of the three. And I think The Buddy Holly Story did him justice. It was Gary Busey's last significant lead, and I think it's ironic that the madman actor played one of the few levelheaded stars of rock 'n' roll. La Bamba is a step down in rock biopics. Valens only had a nine-month career, and you can feel the story padding in the film. But worst of all was the sentimental ending with his brother blubbering on about the loss. Again, it was Lou Diamond Phillips' last significant lead before he became the straight-to-video champ.

RC: He may not be the biggest box office draw, but anyone who watched Celebrity Cook Off knows he's a helluva chef. I regard his homemade Wild Turkey Bourbon Barbecue Sauce as highly as his work in Young Guns or Stand and Deliver. But back to the movies. I liked La Bamba more than you, even though Phillips was way too old to play the 18-year-old singer. Most of it is Hollywood hokum, but the music by Los Lobos is good! Maybe you'd enjoy Lives and Deaths of the Poets more. It's a collection of short skits about famous writers and musicians, including Valens.

MB: You'll notice no one is rushing to make The Big Bopper biopic. But here's a guy who would have been a footnote in rock history except that he got on that ill-fated plane, forever linking him in our minds with the great Buddy Holly. Bad life choice for the Bopper, but ultimately a good career move.

RC: I think his life would make a good movie. He was a colourful character — a singer, a flamboyant DJ who wrote some big hits for other people. If they can make a film about payola king Alan Freed they could certainly find enough material for a Big Bopper biopic.

MB: I suspect the Freed movie, American Hot Wax, was as much about the artists that revolved around him as Freed himself. Not a half-bad movie either.

Synopsis

For music fans of a certain age, Feb. 3 is a day to observe a moment of silence. Known as the day the music died, it's the day, in 1959, when a small plane crashed outside Clear Lake, Iowa, killing rock 'n' rollers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and JP "The Big Bopper" Richardson.

Fair's fair

"If they can make a film about payola king Alan Freed they could certainly find enough material for a Big Bopper biopic."
Richard Crouse

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Jason Bateman puts on a familiar Identity

Interview. Arrested Development star talks about the move to Netflix and his new comedy project Identity Thief

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Being the straight man in a comedy can be a thankless job, but Jason Batemen has no problem with that. His latest, Identity Thief, finds him taking on Melissa McCarthy's titular con woman. Plus, this spring he gets to reprise his best-loved straight man role, as put-upon Michael Bluth in Arrested Development, when the cult hit returns with new episodes on Netflix. Still, if you've got a more outlandish comedy role in mind, he's willing to listen.

Jason Bateman is getting used to playing the straight-man role in comedy projects. HANDOUT

Do you find it at all insulting to be asked how hard it is to keep a straight face opposite someone like Melissa McCarthy?
No, actually, I've never taken it that way. That's tough to do, and I fail miserably at it repeatedly, especially with Melissa. You've just got to have the camera on her alone so that when I start laughing you don't see my shoulders bouncing up and down in the foreground.

You've made quite a career of playing the straight man, but have you been looking for parts beyond that type?
Yeah, I mean I would enjoy doing that. Send them. I'll read them and do them. But I get most of my opportunities doing what people have seen me do before, and I don't think that's too dissimilar from most actors. You kind of get offered what people expect to see you in. So it's up to me to start to steer the ship in another direction if I want some changes. And I do, every once in a while. That was one of the things that really attracted me to a film I did with Ryan Reynolds called the Change-Up. It didn't really work at the box office or critically, but we had a really good time doing it.

Was it Melissa or writer Craig Mazin who kept adding in jokes about you having mangled junk in Identity Thief?
Well, Craig's pretty filthy. Craig wrote a script that didn't need any ad-libbing whatsoever to make it funny, and so we didn't do a lot of that. We would every once in a while make stuff up to crack each other up and make the crew laugh, but this isn't one of those movies where it's, 'Boy, thank God those actors improvised because otherwise it wouldn't be funny.' Craig Mazin did a really, really good job.

So he's the one obsessed with you having messed-up junk?
He loves my junk. Or he loves my messed-up junk. He wants bad things to happen to it because I won't give it to him.

Belly laughs

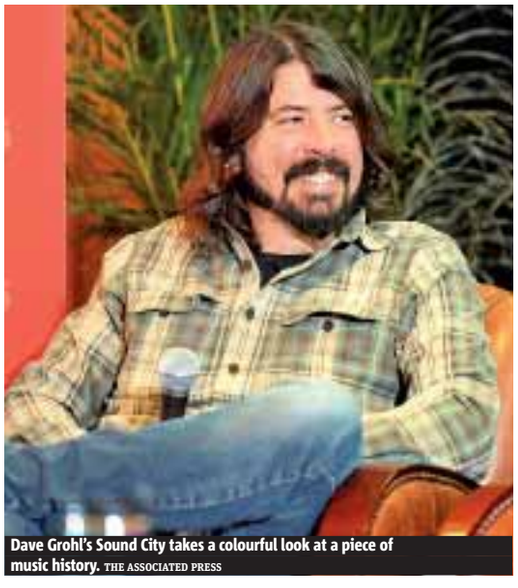
"Craig wrote a script that didn't need any ad-libbing whatsoever to make it funny, and so we didn't do a lot of that."
Jason Bateman
Talking about his time on Identity Thief.

True or false: You are the only Bluth family member to appear in each of the new episodes of Arrested Development.
I believe that is true. I haven't seen them, he's still editing them, but that was the goal when Mitch (Hurwitz) and I talked about these episodes early on. There was a question as to whether the finances or the scheduling would allow for all of us to be in every episode, and I said, 'Whatever it takes schedule-wise or finance-wise, I'm your guy.' So we worked it out and we just made sure that I was done with all of my duties before I had to go off and do something else.

Any word on returning guest stars?
I think Mitch has already said that a few people are coming back. I think he's mentioned Carl Weathers and Henry Winkler and ... who else did he mention? James Lipton and Andy Richter. There's many more. And then his ideas for the movie are just insane. So hopefully Act II and Act III will happen, which is the movie. I can't wait to see what he does with all this footage. We still have a little bit of additional stuff to do. I work one more day on it in a week or two.

The secret behind Nevermind

Movie. Dave Grohl's movie, Sound City, takes a particular interest in the studio where Nirvana found their break



Dave Grohl's Sound City takes a colourful look at a piece of music history. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rock musician Dave Grohl set out to make a recording studio the subject of his first-ever film. He was intrigued not only by the studio but by a specific piece of recording equipment — a 1970s era sound board — that captured every note of music made there.

Geek city, right? It sounds like an idea any sane moviegoer would run from.

Instead, Sound City offers a colourful piece of music history, a candid examination of changes wrought by technology and a defiant statement about not surrendering the human element in creativity. Grohl's rookie film made it to the Sundance movie festival, is being released theatrically Friday and is accompanied by an album featuring artists he interviewed.

Quote

"It honestly was more like a keg party with a camera than making a Hollywood film"
Dave Grohl
On the making of Sound City

"It honestly was more like a keg party with a camera than making a Hollywood film," he said.

Grohl knew nothing about the Sound City studio in Van Nuys, Calif., when he and fellow Nirvana members Kurt Cobain and Krist Novoselic booked a session to make Nevermind in 1991. Their California record company wanted Nirvana nearby to keep an eye on them and time at Sound City was cheap.

It was in a nondescript neighbourhood and looked like a dump, with tired shag carpeting. Then Nirvana noticed all the gold records on the wall from artists who had recorded there: Fleetwood Mac, Tom Petty, Van Halen, REO Speedwagon, Guns 'n Roses, Neil Young, Cheap Trick, Slayer, Rick Springfield and more.

After plugging in their instruments and running through In Bloom, Grohl and his mates discovered why. The sound, to their ears, was amazing. Nirvana had never been captured with such clarity and power before.

"You might have never heard of Nirvana if we had recorded in Hollywood with a fancy producer who made us sound like Def Leppard," he said. "The fact that that (sound) board made us sound like us is what people appreciated. To be reunited with it, honestly, it was like meeting your real parents for the first time."

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Romantic Comedy

Warm Bodies

Director. Jonathan Levine

Stars. Nicholas Hoult, Teresa Palmer

Warm Bodies doesn't stink nearly as much as I imagine its leading character would. A rom-com set in an apocalyptic near-future ruled by rambling rotten corpses, the film focuses on a love-lorn zombie crushing on a gorgeous living girl. Basically a spin on Romeo and Juliet (if Romeo were dead, that is), the comedy has youthful quirk and charm, but its modesty will likely aggravate purists looking for cinematic zombie gore.

STEVE GOW

Comedy

Stand Up Guys

Director. Fisher Stevens

Stars. Al Pacino, Alan Arkin, Christopher Walken

This story of three old hoodlums on one last adventure is slightly less than the sum of its parts. Combined, the leads — Al Pacino, Alan Arkin and Christopher Walken — bring with them more than a century of screen work, and it shows. It's too bad, then, that the material contains Viagra jokes that would seem more appropriate in a Grumpy Old Men movie. That and the long shadow of Tarantino that blankets almost every scene leaves the film feeling less than original.

RICHARD CROUSE

Zombies vs. vampires

"I think tonally it's very different — Warm Bodies to Twilight. There's a lot of comedy, we don't take ourselves too seriously. But having said that, we of course embrace comparisons in a sense because Twilight is a hugely successful franchise and if we can find half the audience that Twilight has I think we'd be very happy."

Teresa Palmer, during a recent interview in Toronto, when asked if people would compare Warm Bodies to Twilight **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Lindsay Lohan ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lo and behold, Lindsay makes it to court

Lindsay Lohan wasn't too sick to fly after all. Despite reportedly being too under the weather to make it from New York back to L.A. this week for a Wednesday court date, the troubled actress showed up after all, wearing a little black dress and Louboutin heels, according to the Associated Press. "I'm glad to see you're feeling better," Judge Stephanie Sautner told Lohan at the hearing. Lohan pleaded not guilty to three misdemeanor counts stemming from a car crash last summer. If found guilty, she could face 245 days in jail because of probation violations. "She's on probation," Sautner said at the hearing. "The condition is that she obey all laws."

Charlie Sheen

Sheen still on starlet's side

At least Charlie Sheen isn't worried about Lindsay Lohan's legal troubles.

"She's terrific," he tells Jay Leno in an interview. "I mean she's going through a lot of stuff, but she's smart and super-talented and will come out on top eventually, you know."

As for the $100,000 Sheen loaned the troubled actress — money she reportedly put toward her massive tax bill — Sheen says, "I didn't know it was for taxes. If I had known that, I'd have given her half, you know."

Jennifer Lawrence

Tip for Jennifer Lawrence: no more shopping trips now that you're famous

Oscar-nominee Jennifer Lawrence recently told Metro that her Silver Linings Playbook co-star Bradley Cooper had taught her that she can't go to the grocery store anymore now that she's famous.

"It's fine, I can get friends to get my groceries," she said last month.

But apparently Lawrence thought the height of awards season was a good time to try again, as she was spotted this week at a Los Angeles supermarket, buying groceries incognito under a large purple hat and a massive scarf, according to photo agency X-17.

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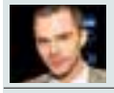

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The Word

Mayer more comfortable in front of the cameras

John Mayer is definitely mellowing when it comes to dealing with paparazzi.

"The way that the media plays a part in everyone's life has changed over the last several years," he tells RollingStone.com. "I mean, I used to be incredibly put off by somebody taking a picture, thinking as if in some way it was invading my brain. But all it is, is you can see where I was last weekend. That's all. And I think time has shown that nothing will be stolen from you. It's just a photograph of you and your dumb scarf that you put on because it wouldn't fit in your suitcase. Cool."

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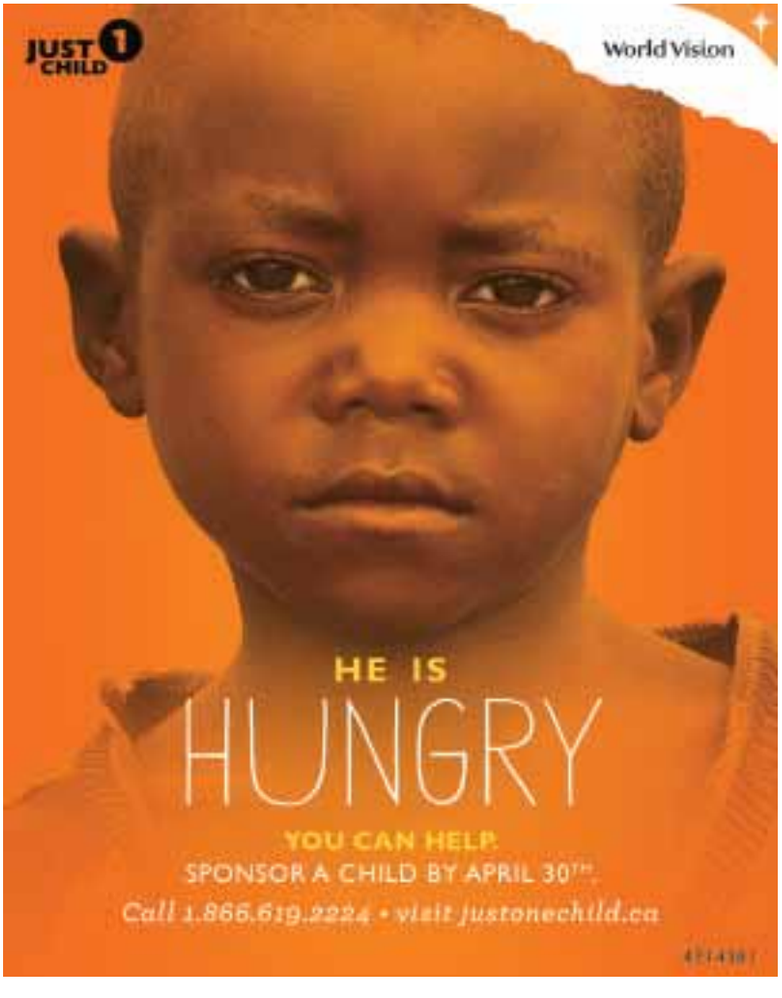

Liquid Assets

Wash down game snacks

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When it comes to pairing liquids with solids, wine has the edge over its boozy competition. After all, you're not going to wash down haute cuisine with a brewski. Right?

It really depends on where you are.

In wine engaged cultures (like France and Italy), culinary artists evolved their industry in parallel with their compatriots in nearby vineyards. So, it makes sense that locals reach for vino when they put on the feed bag.

Countries like the United Kingdom and Belgium — where wine production is nearly non-existent — have a closer affinity to beer, which makes a good brew their primary dinner table mate.

Since the Super Bowl is this Sunday, I'm betting most of you will be serving pub-inspired fare and drinking like the Brits as you watch the game.

Not that you can't serve wine (think something white and off dry). It's just that aggressively flavoured finger food, the likes of Buffalo Chicken Tenders and Short Ribs, calls for something cool and thirst-quenching. While a crisp Euro or Canadian lager fits the bill, I prefer medium-bodied, lightly malted ales like Newcastle Brown Ale (500 ml, $2.90 to $3.49) from England's north east.

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Bite into lighter side of Super Bowl staple

Buffalo Chicken Tenders. Put aside the deep fryer and pop these crunchy snacks into the oven

The key food groups of Super Bowl are meat and melted cheese, preferably deep-fried. Buffalo-style chicken wings and chicken nuggets are just the sort of deep-fried deliciousness we're talking about. And this recipe marries the two, incredibly, in a way that satisfies the soul and keeps blood whistling through the old arteries.

The chicken is luxuriated in a buttermilk bath for several hours, after which it is coated with a mixture of breadcrumbs and panko (for extra crunch), and baked in the oven.

It's not quite as crispy as a deep-fried version, but it is nonetheless ridiculously flavourful. This effect is achieved by adding a blue cheese dipping sauce, which borrows one of the trademark ingredients of Buffalo chicken wings. Traditionally, wings are tossed in a mix of hot sauce and butter after they come out of hot oil. But you don't want to sog up your finished product, so dip the finished baked tenders, first in the hot sauce then in the blue cheese. This combo is a touchdown.

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 2 garlic cloves, smashed
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tbsp hot sauce, divided
- 2 cups plus 6 tbsp buttermilk, divided
- 1 lb chicken tenders (or chicken breasts cut into 3-by-1-inch strips, 1/2-inch thick)
- 3/4 cup whole-wheat Italian seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1/2 tsp lemon juice

1. In bowl, combine garlic, salt, 2 tablespoons of hot sauce and 2 cups of the buttermilk. Whisk until salt dissolves. Add chicken tenders and stir to coat well with the marinade. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours and up to 10 hours.

2. When ready to cook, heat oven to 425 F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper and spray it with olive oil cooking spray.

3. In shallow bowl combine whole-wheat and panko breadcrumbs. In another small bowl, whisk remaining 6 tablespoons of buttermilk, the mayonnaise, blue cheese and lemon juice. Transfer to ramekin for dipping. Pour remaining 1/4 cup of hot sauce into a second ramekin for dipping.

4. Use colander to drain chicken, but do not pat it dry. Dip each chicken piece in the breadcrumb mixture, making sure it is coated well on both sides. Arrange chicken in single layer on prepared baking sheet, then spritz tops with olive oil cooking spray.

5. Bake on oven's middle shelf for 10 minutes. Turn chicken pieces over and bake an additional 5 minutes, or until just cooked through. Let cool few minutes, then transfer to a platter. Serve with both dipping sauces.

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Stick-to-your-ribs grub

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together the hoisin, rice vinegar, soy sauce, brown sugar, red pepper flakes, five-spice powder, sesame oil and garlic. Reserve 1/2 cup of the mixture in a small bowl. Add the short ribs to the original mixture and toss to thoroughly coat. Cover the bowl and refrigerate at least 8 hours, or overnight.

2. When ready to cook, heat the oven to 275 F. Line 2 rimmed baking sheets with foil and place a rack over each pan. Arrange the short ribs on the rack and bake for 45 to 60 minutes, or until tender. Brush the ribs with the reserved 1/2 cup of marinade and increase the oven temperature to 450 F. Return to the oven and cook for another 10 minutes, or until browned and caramelized.

3. Thread a skewer through each piece of meat to serve.

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Ingredients

- 1/2 cup each hoisin sauce, rice vinegar, low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp each red pepper flakes, five-spice powder
- 2 tbsp toasted sesame oil
- 3 cloves minced garlic
- 3 lbs boneless beef short ribs, cut into long, thin strips (1/4 inch thick by 1 inch wide)

This recipe serves 12. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

WHL

Blades look to extend winning streak vs. Hitmen and Broncos

The Saskatoon Blades will be looking for their third straight win Friday night.

The Blades (25-21-0-3) face off against the Calgary Hitmen (33-14- 1-3) at 7:05 p.m. at Credit Union Centre.

On Saturday the Blue and White play host to the Swift Current Broncos (25-21-3-2). The puck drops at 7:05 p.m. at Credit Union Centre. METRO

X Games

Moore succumbs to injuries after snowmobile crash

Caleb Moore, an innovative freestyle snowmobile rider who was hurt in a crash at the Winter X Games in Colorado, died Thursday morning. He was 25.

Moore was being treated at a hospital in Grand Junction since the Jan. 24 crash. Family spokeswoman Chelsea Lawson confirmed his death, the first in the 18-year history of the X Games.

"He lived his life to the fullest. He was an inspiration," Lawson said.

Moore was attempting a backflip when his snowmobile caught the lip of the landing area, sending him over the handlebars. He landed face first in the snow with his snowmobile rolling over him. Moore eventually walked off with help and went to hospital with a concussion. He developed bleeding around his heart and was flown to Grand Junction for surgery. The family later said that Moore also had a complication involving his brain.

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Hurricanes blue-liner Tim Gleason lands a right on Bruins forward Milan Lucic on Monday in Raleigh, N.C. GERRY BROOME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHLers acting out after the lockout

NHL. Pent-up aggression, giving fans what they want and trying to keep a roster spot among reasons for increase in fisticuffs

Wanna fight?

If you're an NHL player, you can probably find somebody to drop the gloves.

A lockout-delayed and shortened season has created a spike in fights around the league, just as it did the last time labour woes led to a 48-game season.

There were 58 fights through the first 87 games this year, following play on Tuesday night, an increase from 39 after the same number of games last season, according to STATS. During the 1994-95 season, there were 83 fights over the first 87 games of that lockout-shortened slate, a jump from 58 during the same stretch the previous season.

"Obviously, you have a situation where the players are being thrown into the immediate intensity of a shortened season and that certainly may play a role," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly wrote Thursday in an email to The Associated Press. "We monitor these things as well, and the number of fighting majors has decreased significantly and begun to normalize over the last week. I expect that will continue over the balance of the season."

There were, in fact, fewer fighting penalties than games on Monday for the first time since the season started with 12 fights in 13 games. And on Wednesday, there were six fights in four games.

Nashville forward Richard Clune acknowledges he's fighting for his job. Clune has been trying to make it back in the NHL since playing in 14 games with the Los Angeles Kings three years ago. He was in three fights in his first five games.

Clune didn't play in Nashville's opener when star defenceman Shea Weber got into a rare fight with Columbus forward Jared Boll, the first NHL player to five fights this season. Clune, perhaps not coincidently, was in the lineup for the next game and tried to make his presence felt right away by getting penalized for boarding in the opening minutes.

"I play hard and get in the other team's faces and sometimes it results in dropping the gloves," Clune said in a telephone interview before playing on the road against the Kings.

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Quoted

"For me personally, nothing is staged. It's spontaneous. It's all about the eye contact. You kind of say 'Let's do it,' without saying a word."

Red Wings forward Jordin Tootoo

By the numbers

16

There were a season-high 16 fights in 10 games on Tuesday, with Red Wings forward Jordin Tootoo fighting two different players in the first period against the Stars.

Only 1 team's road ends in victory

Super Bowl preview. Both Ravens and 49ers, led by sibling head coaches, ready to battle in New Orleans

The San Francisco 49ers never have tasted defeat in a Super Bowl, going 5-0. It's the most impressive mark for any franchise in the big game.

Baltimore also is undefeated, with the Ravens winning their only appearance, in 2001.

Someone will have the Super Bowl blahs for the first time after Sunday's title game in the Superdome.

The Ravens, who are 3 1/2 -point underdogs, are on one of those runs reminiscent of recent NFL champions. Indeed, the New York Giants reached the Super Bowl a year ago in a similar manner, winning a wild-card game at home, then two playoff games on the road, including an overtime thriller.

The Giants got healthy down the stretch, something the Ravens have replicated, particularly on defence, where star linebackers Ray Lewis and Terrell Suggs are giving vintage performances following injury-shortened seasons.

Road to the Super Bowl

- Baltimore's path to New Orleans led through New England, where the Ravens fell to the Patriots in last year's AFC title game. But they outscored the Patriots 21-0 in the second half to earn their spot in the Super Bowl.
- San Francisco also came up one win short a year ago, losing to the Giants for the NFC championship. That defeat has driven the 49ers just as much as the Ravens' failure in 2011 lifted them.

Quoted

"I believe we have found a way to believe in each other, and nothing else matters."

Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, who will retire after the game, on his team's attitude.

"That's what's been our road," Lewis said. "No matter who's been up, who's been down, who's been hurt, who's been injured. We found a way to pick each other up."

These Niners are built around a physical, stingy defence — that also has been the Ravens' persona for years, although not as much in 2012 as in Lewis's other 17 pro seasons. Linebacker Patrick Willis, who like Lewis wears No. 52 and is a perennial All-Pro, is the anchor.

"As a kid, you grew up watching," Willis said. "Last year we were one game away. To be able to be here is truly special."

To make it extra special, San Francisco's offence will need to outdo Baltimore's. The Ravens have scored 90 points in three games, and the Niners have 73 in two.

Baltimore's defence has made big plays against Andrew Luck, Peyton Manning and Tom Brady. Now it gets an entirely different type of quarterback in Colin Kaepernick. His combination of running skill, a powerful arm and surprising cool for a second-year pro makes him particularly dangerous against the Ravens. Baltimore does not have the fastest defence in the league.

San Francisco 49ers running back Frank Gore runs a drill during practice on Thursday in New Orleans. The 49ers are set to play the Baltimore Ravens in the Super Bowl on Sunday. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Then again, the 49ers must deal with Joe Flacco, the only QB to win a post-season game in each of his first five seasons. Flacco also has six road playoff victories, a league record.

While the Ravens and 49ers play for each other, the Harbaugh brothers, John of the Ravens and Jim of the 49ers, will go against each other in the first Super Bowl featuring sibling head coaches. They've had fun with the topic this week, but it will be as serious as football can get on Sunday.

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Forgotten QB Taylor will be waiting in the wings on Sunday

Baltimore Ravens backup quarterback Tyrod Taylor runs with the ball against the Cincinnati Bengals Dec. 30, 2012, in Cincinnati. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

Tyrod Taylor is the forgotten quarterback at the Super Bowl.

Everyone knows the starters, of course; Baltimore's Joe Flacco and San Francisco's Colin Kaepernick.

They even know about Alex Smith, who started for the 49ers until he was sidelined with a concussion in November and Kaepernick stepped in.

And Taylor? His resumé can be summed up on the top half of an index card: Two years, no starts and 30 passes — 25 of them in the Ravens' meaningless regular-season finale against Cincinnati last month.

That's because Flacco has started every game during the past five seasons and never has missed a down because of injury or ineffectiveness.

Still, Taylor knows he's only one play away from getting into the Super Bowl, and for that reason he's practising hard this week as Sunday's championship game draws near.

"There are so many situations throughout the league where the next guy is called in, so you can't look at how many straight games Joe has played without being injured," Taylor said. "You never know what can happen at any second of the game. I have to be ready to take over if that happens."

Being a backup QB is a role Taylor takes seriously. He isn't in the Big Easy this week to take a stroll on Bourbon Street or munch on beignets.

"You have to be ready to play," Taylor said. "That's how you have to carry yourself throughout the week as far as preparation. You have to be physically prepared and mentally prepared because you never know when the opportunity may come."

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Wrinkle in Ravens attack?

The 49ers are preparing for Tyrod Taylor, too.

- While Flacco is a traditional pocket passer, Taylor is just as likely to scoot downfield as throw the ball.
- He ran for 65 yards in a game against the Bengals, and at Virginia Tech he set a school record for rushing yards by a quarterback (2,196).

'Operation Red Zone'

Officials nab phoney merch

Investigators have confiscated more than $13.6 million US worth of phoney sports merchandise over the past five months and expect to seize more in New Orleans during Super Bowl week, a federal law-enforcement official said Thursday.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director John Morton said authorities also have shut down more than 300 websites selling counterfeit goods as part of an enforcement effort dubbed "Operation Red Zone." The operation targeted international shipments of jerseys, hats and other souvenirs entering the U.S. for sale by stores, flea markets and street vendors.

And federal investigators say they have intelligence that shows even the Mexican drug cartels are getting involved in the counterfeit NFL black market trade because they can make quick money by selling fake jerseys in flea markets and parking lots.

In September, for example, HSI's newly created trade enforcement unit seized dozens of counterfeit San Francisco 49ers, Minnesota Vikings and Miami Dolphins jerseys around New Mexico.

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Performance enhancer

No HGH tests despite deal

Count Baltimore Ravens defensive end Arthur Jones among those NFL players who want the league and union to finally agree on a way to do blood testing for human growth hormone.

"It would be fair to do blood testing," Jones said. "Hopefully they figure it out."

When the Ravens face the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl on Sunday, two seasons will have come and gone without a single HGH test being administered, even though the league and the NFL Players Association paved the way for it in the 10-year collective bargaining agreement they signed in August 2011.

Since then, the sides have haggled over various elements, primarily the union's insistence that it needs more information about the validity of a test that is used by Olympic sports and Major League Baseball. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arthur Jones GETTY IMAGES

Something to prove on Sunday

Experience, statistics and past performance will go out the window on Sunday and these six players will be expected to be top producers on one of sport's biggest stages under the bright lights of the Super Bowl:

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Photos by Getty Images

Joe Flacco, quarterback

Has eight touchdowns and no interceptions in this post-season ... Is 8-4 in playoffs ... Outplayed top draftee Andrew Luck, then Peyton Manning, then Tom Brady in leading Ravens to Super Bowl.

Anquan Boldin, wide receiver

Helped Arizona to 2009 Super Bowl and has been sensational in this post-season ... Has 16 receptions for 17.3-yard average and three scores, two in AFC title games ... Powerful, versatile and can outleap defenders for balls ... Made 65 catches for 921 yards and four touchdowns this season.

Ray Lewis, inside linebacker

"The Raven," as teammate Bernard Pollard calls him ... Emotional engine for Baltimore for entire career, retires after this game ... Missed 10 games with torn right triceps, but has been sensational in playoffs with 44 tackles ... MVP of 2001 Super Bowl, Ravens' only championship ... Defensive Player of the Year in 2000 and '03.

Colin Kaepernick, quarterback

Dynamic player who replaced injured Alex Smith in November and kept the job ... Fast with long strides, set record for position with 181 yards rushing versus Green Bay, including 59-yard touchdown ... Strong arm, unafraid to throw into tight spots ... Excellent weapon in read-option, although Niners don't use it that much.

Michael Crabtree, wide receiver

Matured this season and became a true No. 1 receiver ... Led team with 85 catches, 1,105 yards and nine touchdowns ... Somehow finds way to get wide open several times a game ... Good after the catch, but needs to consider better ball security; fumbled at Atlanta in conference championship.

Patrick Willis, inside linebacker

All-Pro tackling machine ... With apologies to Lewis, Willis is best linebacker in this Super Bowl — and probably best in entire league ... Has made All-Pro in five of six seasons and took Defensive Rookie of Year honours in 2007 ... Had 120 tackles, 88 solo this season.

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From left to right, Canada's Frank Dancevic, of Niagara Falls, Ont., Vasek Pospisil, of Vernon, B.C., Milos Raonic, of Thornhill, Ont., and Daniel Nestor, of Toronto, Ont., attend the draw for the Davis Cup tennis tie against Spain in Vancouver, B.C., on Thursday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dancevic could play key role in Davis cup

International tennis. Canada to face a top-ranked Spain team hampered by injuries

A year later, Frank Dancevic knows for certain he will play a key role for Canada in a Davis Cup tie.

The 28-year-old from Niagara Falls, Ont., will take the court for two important singles matches in this weekend's first-round series against Spain, a year after he was an after-thought in Canada's tie against France last February.

"I love playing (in the) Davis Cup," Dancevic said as the draw was announced Thursday at the UBC venue where the best-of-five series will be held. "I've been part of the team for 10 years. It's an awesome feeling to win for your country."

Milos Raonic will kick off Canada's bid for a spot in the Davis Cup World Group quarter-finals.

Raonic, ranked No. 15 on the ATP Tour, will face No. 51 Albert Ramos in the first singles match when Canada's tie with Spain begins Friday.

The hard-serving 22-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., will also face Marcel Granollers in the fourth match on Sunday.

Dancevic, meanwhile, will also face Granollers, Spain's top singles player for this event, on Friday, and Ramos in the final match Sunday.

Dancevic only played last year against France after Raonic was sidelined for his second singles match with a minor knee injury. But Canadian captain Martin Laurendeau is asking Dancevic to be a potentially decisive factor as Vancouver's Vasek Pospisil concentrates on doubles while recuperating from mononucleosis.

"Any time you play for your country, you feel pressure," said Dancevic. "You want to play well for your country and you want to perform out there.

"I feel like I want to play well. I don't know if it's pressure. But I just want to go out there and give it all I've got and perform the best I can."

Opportunity

- Canada, which stands 12th in Davis Cup rankings, has never advanced beyond the first round.
- But the opportunity for an upset is ripe. Spain will be without four of its highest-ranked players — David Ferrer (4th), Rafael Nadal (5th), Nicolas Almagro (11th) and Fernando Verdasco (24th) — this weekend.

Dancevic, who lost to France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga last year in place of Raonic, will try to re-live some of the Davis Cup magic he displayed in 2003, when he beat Brazil's Flavio Sarretta in four sets in Calgary to return Canada to the World Group (top 16 countries) for the first time in a decade.

"I believe that I belong in the top 100," said Dancevic, who is ranked 166th. "I'm confident that my game is there."

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CFL. Lions re-sign receiver Gore after Canadian led team in receiving in 2012

Shawn Gore considered other options, but decided in the end to stay with what he knew.

The receiver signed a new three-year contract with the B.C. Lions on Thursday after trying out for three NFL clubs and bypassing a chance at CFL free agency.

"I'm really excited that we came to an agreement," said Gore, whose deal includes two years plus an option. "I know where my future is heading for the next little while."

The speedy wideout led the Lions with 722 receiving yards in 2012. The Toronto native has spent three seasons with the team after being selected in the second round (10th overall) in the 2010 Canadian College Draft.

Quoted

"He is a young and very exciting receiver who I believe will give all of us many great moments in the future."

Lions general manager Wally Buono on newly signed receiver Shawn Gore.

Before committing to the Lions, Gore had tryouts with the New York Jets, New England Patriots and Indianapolis Colts.

"They went well, but I wasn't invited to a training camp," he said. "So I could have done a little better."

Gore, who was due to become a CFL free agent Feb. 15, also wants to do better with the Lions in 2013. He is looking forward to playing a "big offensive" role in place of departed veterans Geroy Simon and Arland Bruce III.

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Rudy Gay trade

Raptors' Lowry thrilled about new addition from Grizzlies

Kyle Lowry will happily call the Toronto Raptors his team, and is excited about sharing it with one of his best friends.

While Lowry said it was tough to lose Jose Calderon and Ed Davis in Wednesday's deal to acquire Rudy Gay, he was talking up his new teammate to reporters on Thursday, saying the team was getting a "superstar."

There will be an immediate level of comfort between Lowry and Gay. The two are good friends — Gay is godfather to Lowry's son — and as Lowry pointed out, "I've already passed the ball to Rudy before, so ... when he's here, it's going to be an easy transition for him and for our team, I believe."

The deal that sent fan favourite Calderon ultimately to Detroit propelled Lowry back into the starting point guard position.

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NHL

Leafs one-up Capitals in Toronto

Nikolai Kulemin and Matt Frattin scored third-period goals to give the Toronto Maple Leafs their first home win of the season in a 3-2 comeback victory over the Washington Capitals on Thursday night.

Kulemin tied it at 2-2 at 7:40 of the third period, poking in a puck that squeezed through Michal Neuvirth's legs from a Michael Kostka shot from the point. As the Caps goalie tried in vain to squeeze his pads, Kulemin reached behind and nudged the puck in for his first of the year.

Frattin made it 3-2, capping off a nice passing play with Nazem Kadri at 9:53 of the third by tapping in the puck for his fourth goal — and sixth point — in four games.

The Leafs lived dangerously in the final minutes, with the Caps pressing.

James van Riemsdyk also scored for Toronto (4-3-0), which outshot Washington 40-22. The Leafs had chances to take control earlier, but lacked clinical finishing and failed to convert numerous power-play opportunities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Penguins' Vokoun shuts out Rangers

Tomas Vokoun stopped 28 shots for his 49th NHL shutout, and the Pittsburgh Penguins scored on the first shot of the first and third periods in a 3-0 victory over the New York Rangers on Thursday night.

Evgeni Malkin gave the Penguins the lead just 1:24 in, James Neal added a power-play goal 28 seconds into the third and Simon Despres netted his second NHL goal to give Pittsburgh (4-3) its second win in five games.

Malkin added an assist, as did captain Sidney Crosby, on Neal's goal.

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Tomas Vokoun GETTY IMAGES

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
New Jersey	6	3	0	3	16	14	9
NY Islanders	7	4	2	1	27	23	9
Pittsburgh	7	4	3	0	19	18	8
NY Rangers	7	3	4	0	16	20	6
Philadelphia	7	2	5	0	14	20	4

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Ottawa	7	5	1	1	24	13	11
Boston	7	5	1	1	23	19	11
Montreal	6	4	2	0	18	15	8
Toronto	7	4	3	0	21	22	8
Buffalo	7	3	3	1	23	23	7

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Tampa Bay	6	5	1	0	29	15	10
Winnipeg	7	3	3	1	21	24	7
Carolina	5	2	3	0	14	18	4
Florida	7	2	5	0	16	27	4
Washington	7	1	5	1	15	25	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	7	6	0	1	24	16	13
St. Louis	7	6	1	0	28	14	12
Detroit	6	3	2	1	15	17	7
Nashville	6	1	2	3	10	18	5
Columbus	8	2	5	1	14	26	5

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Minnesota	7	4	2	1	19	19	9
Edmonton	6	4	2	0	17	15	8
Vancouver	7	3	2	2	19	19	8
Colorado	6	2	4	0	10	16	4
Calgary	4	1	2	1	11	15	3

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	6	6	0	0	26	10	12
Anaheim	5	3	1	1	17	17	7
Los Angeles	5	2	2	1	11	14	5
Dallas	7	2	4	1	13	18	5
Phoenix	7	2	4	1	22	22	5

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Thursday's results
Toronto 3 Washington 2
Pittsburgh 3 NY Rangers 0
NY Islanders 5 New Jersey 4 (OT)
Buffalo 7 Boston 4
St. Louis 4 Columbus 1
Florida 6 Winnipeg 3
Colorado at Calgary
Nashville at Los Angeles
Edmonton at San Jose
Wednesday's results
Ottawa 5 Montreal 1
Minnesota 3 Chicago 2 (SO)
Edmonton 2 Phoenix 1 (OT)
Vancouver 3 Colorado 0
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Carolina at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Nashville at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

GOLF

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Ryan Palmer	64
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Brandt Snedeker	64
Matt Every	65
Nicolas Colsaerts	65
Martin Flores	65
Hank Kuehne	65
Bill Haas	65
Justin Leonard	65
Brian Gay	65
Y.E. Yang	65
Also:	
David Hearn	**67**
Mike Weir	**69**
Stephen Ames	**72**
Brad Fritsch	**72**

NFL

SUPER BOWL XLVII

Sunday's game — All Times Eastern
At New Orleans, La.
Baltimore vs. San Francisco, 6 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	29	13	.690	—
New York	28	15	.651	1½
Chicago	28	17	.622	2½
Indiana	27	19	.587	4
Brooklyn	27	19	.587	4
Atlanta	26	19	.578	4½
Milwaukee	24	20	.545	6
Boston	22	23	.489	8½
Philadelphia	19	26	.422	11½
Detroit	17	29	.370	14
Toronto	**16**	**30**	**.348**	**15**
Orlando	14	31	.311	16½
Cleveland	13	33	.283	18
Washington	11	33	.250	19
Charlotte	11	34	.244	19½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	37	11	.771	—
Oklahoma City	34	11	.756	1½
L.A. Clippers	34	13	.723	2½
Memphis	29	15	.659	6
Golden State	28	17	.622	7½
Denver	29	18	.617	7½
Utah	25	21	.543	11
Houston	25	23	.521	12
Portland	23	22	.511	12½
L.A. Lakers	20	26	.435	16
Dallas	19	26	.422	16½
Minnesota	17	25	.405	17
Sacramento	17	30	.362	19½
Phoenix	16	30	.348	20
New Orleans	15	31	.326	21

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

Thursday's results
Memphis at Oklahoma City
Dallas at Golden State
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
L.A. Clippers at **Toronto**, 7 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Memphis, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Chicago at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Washington at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will do your reputation, and maybe your bank balance too, a heap of good today by doing something that takes friends and family by surprise. People expect you to think and act in certain ways — so prove them wrong.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Whatever you do and however you do it, people will applaud you for a job well done. Both at home and at work you are leading a charmed life at the moment. Make the most of it. You know it won't last!

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
What you dream of now will come true in the near future, so dream away to your heart's content. It may be that certain people are not taking you seriously but they will soon learn the error of their ways.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may be tempted to treat life as a bit of a joke over the next 24 hours, and most likely you are right to do so. The things that other people get worked up about are not worth the time or effort.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Anything is possible if you want it enough. If you really, truly desire something you will find a way to get it. Keep that thought in mind not just today but throughout the coming month. And act on it.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You won't lack for self-belief today but watch out you don't get overly confident and make a mess of a task you could usually do with your eyes closed. You know what comes before a fall, don't you? Pride.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Try to be a bit more cautious in your decisions today, especially if you are involved in a project that could cost you rather a lot if it goes wrong. Remember: There is no such thing as a sure thing.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This looks like an excellent day for affairs of the heart. If there is someone you have been admiring from afar, now is the time to get up closer. Make contact and look for ways to spark a romance.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
No matter how daunting the task that faces you today you will make a good job of it. The most important step is the first one, so stop worrying that you are out of your depth and get cracking.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't push yourself too hard today. Jupiter, planet of excess, is now moving forwards again through the wellbeing area of your chart, so you may be tempted to do something rash. You'll regret it in the morning.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your task for the day is to help others — not just friends and family but people you meet out in the world as well. The best way to help, as always, is to lead by example. No one does it better than you.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It's OK to have fun — in fact it's essential — but don't go overboard and forget that you still have chores to finish and duties to fulfill. The harder you work now, the happier your weekend will be.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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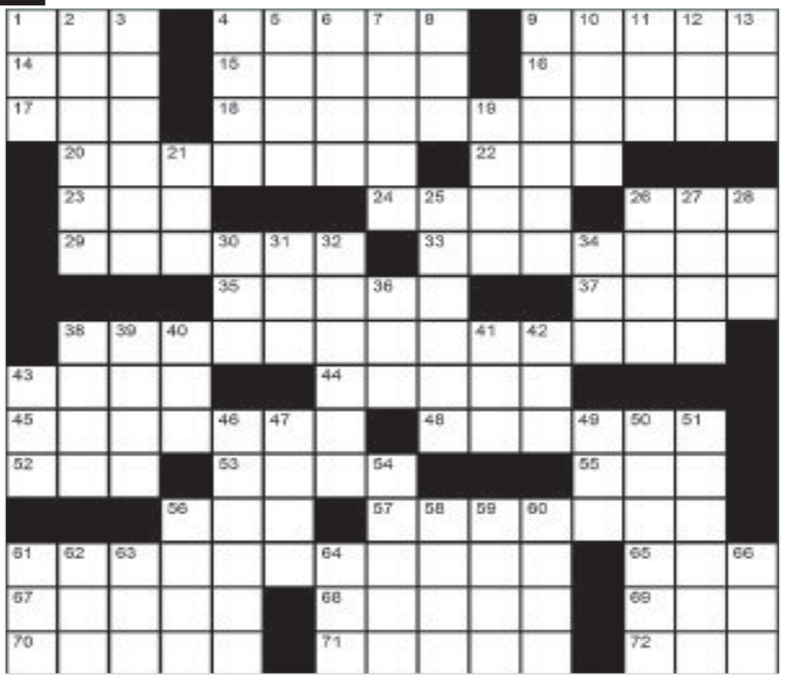
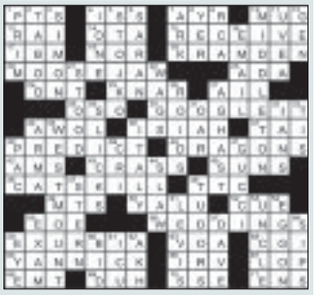


Across
1. On the 3rd of __., 1959 - The Day the Music Died
4. "La __" by Ritchie Valens
9. "Raining in My __" by Buddy Holly
14. Card deck symbol
15. Distant
16. __-Loompa
17. Fluffy scarf
18. The art of DJ-ing as music performance
20. Plotted
22. Acronym for time as yet unknown
23. The __ (Sault Ste. Marie's nickname)
24. Wrapped garment
26. Soft & __ (Antiperspirant brand)
29. Habituates to hardship [var. sp.]
33. Did this " "
35. .pdf files program, __ Acrobat
37. Car trip stopovers
38. 1958 hit for The Big Bopper: 2 wds.
43. Trompe l'__ (Visual illusion)
44. Heighten
45. Winnipeg intersection, __ and Main
48. Some antelopes
52. The Waste Land poet's monogram
53. Born and __
55. "Phooey!"
56. Commerce grad's letters
57. Gordon Lightfoot's birthplace in Ontario
61. Northwest†Territories capital
65. Sob
67. Characteristic
68. Actress Anna
69. Supplement
70. Swiped card
71. Movie reviewers, e.g.
72. Serpent's sound

Down
1. __ Four (Beatles)
2. Nouvelle-__ = Nova Scotia
3. Lighthouse
4. Diminish
5. Grad
6. Extra
7. Glues
8. Toward the ship's stern
9. The __ = Bilbo Baggins
10. Orlando's Lake __
11. Pierre's friend
12. Fast rotation meas.
13. Scottish hat
19. Bell town in a Longfellow poem
21. NBA's Rockets, on scoreboards
25. Antarctica penguin
26. Therefore: French
27. Celine's manager/hubby
28. Egos and __
30. Sprinted
31. Summer hrs. indicator
32. Evening party
34. Ms. Carrere
36. "Yeck."
38. Prezzes
39. Contract
40. Supermodel Carol
41. Fashionable monogram
42. Ms. Michele of "Glee"
43. Select
46. First Canadian-born Prime Minister, John __
47. 'Mc' add-on (Dr. Phil's last name)
49. Patriots org.
50. Frees from frost
51. Jets rivals in "West Side Story"
54. Teutonic thunder god
56. Old Rome's 1052
58. Rihanna's nickname
59. "__ ain't broke...": 2 wds.
60. Fewer
61. Since Jan. 1st on a financial rpt.
62. Poetically before
63. Popular li'l dog
64. The Col.'s eatery
66. Oui's meaning

Yesterday's Crossword



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